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I am of the personal thought that the currently settlement with Microsoft is one that will not solve the current problems Microsoft has caused but only make issues worse. Under the current settlement Microsoft is still free to exclude open source development projects from having access to windows source code and the tools needed to make a compatible piece of software for the windows operating system. Microsoft is still being allowed to encode there browser into there operating system in a way that it can not be removed. The current windows Os (XP) is unable to function with out the usage of internet explorer. The recent release of windows XP home edition has yet again proven Microsoft unwillingness to share there operating system with other Os development teams. This time Microsoft has even gone so far as not supporting connectivity to there older operating system forcing users of the older Os to upgrade to there "newest and greatest Os". Microsoft has also continues to exile Macintosh users from the usage of all of there software other the office and even some parts of that can not be used in a Mac OS, Unix and Linux environments. Thus forcing many users over to the windows operating system that they do not want to be using. Look around a office building to those computers users who are running windows; when asked why many users will respond well I have to use windows there no way to use something else these days. Microsoft is now basically being given a free pass and a way to take over even more of the computer world with the current settlement.

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